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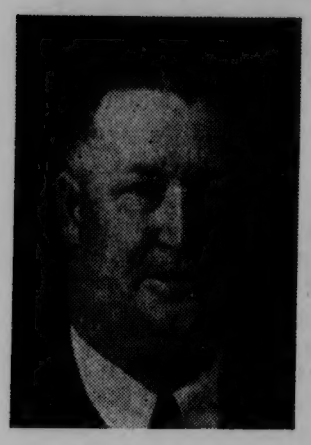
RICHMOND WARD DEDICATES ITS NEW HOME



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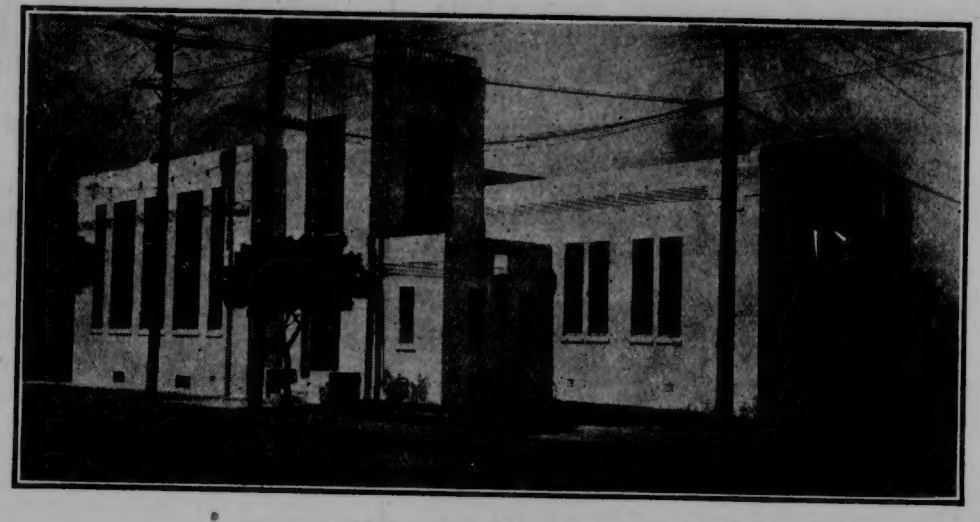
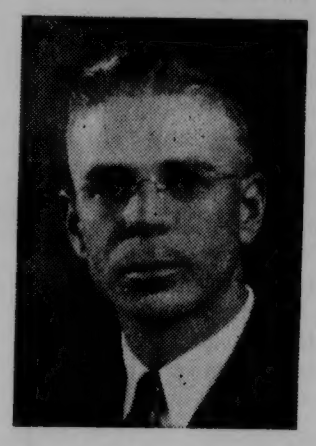


Richmond L.D.S. Chapel

A proud and happy day for Richmond ward was Sunday, May 12. Their beautiful chapel all paid for at last, was ready for dedication. The visit of Elder Albert E. Bowen of the Council of the Twelve, made this possible as part of the proceedings of the quarterly conference. Accordingly Sunday evening, immediately following the M.I.A. session in Oakland, members of the ward and many friends gathered at the new chapel for the dedicatory service. The chapel is so arranged that for special occasions the recreation hall can be made part of the chapel itself, and this was one of those special occasions. Flowers were profusely and tastefully arranged everywhere; the Richmond choir furnished the music. Bishop Arthur L. Hopkins presided at the meeting and expressed his deep thanks and the thanks of the ward to all those who had labored to bring about the great day. He then called upon Elder Claude M. Dewsnup, first bishop of the ward, who began by saying he had waited 25 years for the occasion. When he first moved to Richmond he had made inquiry for members of the Church, found a few and commenced holding cottage meetings. He displayed a tiny wooden chapel made of some 350 pieces of wood from Pullman cars which had been used as a collection box for a building fund for the last 20 years. Following him, Elder Leon Edlefsen rendered a trumpet solo, which, most appropriately, was "The End of a Perfect Day." Brief remarks by Presidents Eugene Hilton and W. Glenn Harmon followed, and then Elder Bowen addressed the crowd. He commented upon the very tasteful interior decoration of the chapel, and he said that of all places the place where we meet to worship should represent the finest in us. Commenting on the long struggle of the saints to complete the building he recalled the period of his youth when the Salt Lake Temple was being constructed and how each Sunday his father would parcel out among the members of his family, so they would all be represented, a few meager coins to be donated to that cause. Passing from the hardships and sacrifices that saints are called upon to undertake he spoke of the resiliency of humanity, and how Latter-day Saints are spreading all over the land. He had been astounded, he said, upon his swing around the California mission with President Macdonald to find out how Utah's people are filtering out everywhere. Utah's contribution to other states has indeed been handsome. Then he emphasized the fact that our most effective proselyting is coming about in just this way. In the three years since the Stake missions have been widely functioning, the number of baptisms in Stakes has been as great as the entire number in the foreign missions. If we live correctly, there would be no need to send out missionaries, for we'd be a most distinctive people. Thereupon Elder Bowen offered the dedicatory prayer, presenting the new building to the Lord as the offering of the people of the ward and as a place for His worship by them.



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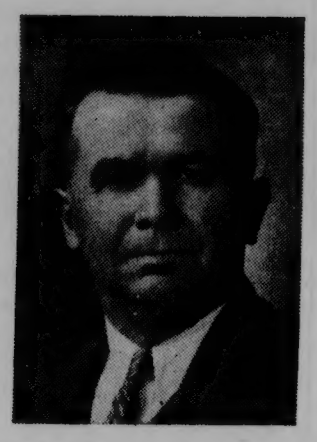

Albert Dietliker Second Counselor

TEMPLE MARRIAGE

On June 5, Thomas E. Ferguson of Berkeley ward will be united in marriage to Miss Ester Israelsen of Logan, in the Salt Lake Temple. The couple will honeymoon in Idaho and at Lake Tahoe before returning to make their home in Berkeley where Tom will complete his final year in the School of Jurisprudence. Miss Israelsen is the daughter of Professor O. W. Israelsen of the Utah State Agricultural College.

COMING EVENTS

June 1, 2—Youth Convention, Sacramento.

June 7-9—Primary-M.I.A. Conference, Salt Lake City.

Friday evening, June 21 — Stake semi-formal dancing party, Berkeley recreation hall.

ELDER BOWEN IS CONFERENCE VISITOR

Substituting for Presiding Bishop LeGrande Richards, who was ill, Elder Albert E. Bowen of the Council of the Twelve was conference visitor at Oakland Stake May 11 and 12. Theme of the conference was the Aaronic priesthood, its restoration and importance. The priesthood session Saturday evening witnessed the presentation of three standard quorum awards. These awards are presented to quorums which achieve the requisite basis in attendance at meetings, participation in activities, observance of the word of wisdom and the law of tithing. Presentation was made by Elder Don C. Wood of the High Council, chairman of the Aaronic priesthood committee, to the deacons' quorums of Vallejo and Oakland wards and to the teachers of Oakland ward.

Elder Albert E. Bowen of the Council of the Twelve

Elder Bowen called for reports from each ward upon the condition of the Aaronic priesthood work. These reports, while indicating some progress had been made, disclosed a great need for additional work. "There is nothing we can do very well," said the speaker, "unless we know what our job is. We make a good start when we get down to brass tacks and get the facts." He knew of no reason why boys should not be as proud of being deacons as of being scouts, and stressed the importance of understanding the priesthood program.

The conference program Sunday morning continued the Aaronic priesthood theme. The opening prayer was by Priest Theral Nielson of Vallejo, followed by a violin solo by Don C. Wood, Jr., a teacher from Claremont ward. Teacher Earl Wells of Elmhurst spoke upon the calling of a ward teacher according to revelation; Priest Frank Ricks of Maxwell Park ward, spoke on the purpose and meaning of the sacrament; Deacon Otto Roark of Richmond then told of the restoration of the Aaronic priesthood. Elders Nels Larson of Berkeley and Robert Bradley of Oakland, who had come into Church activity through the program of the adult Aaronic priesthood, bore their testimonies. A cornet solo was rendered by Priest Blaine Wheeler of Claremont ward. President W. Glenn Harmon spoke briefly upon the objectives and operations of the Aaronic priesthood extension plan. The Aaronic priesthood was restored to earth even before the organization of the Church, and from this, he said, its fundamental importance might be judged. From that time until the first contingents arrived in Utah was a period of struggle occupying the full time of the people. Then in the winter of 1849, largely cut off from outside, the Sunday schools were born for the purpose of helping the priesthood in training youth. Sunday schools were followed in 1875 by the M.I.A., and these two organizations, along with the older Relief Society became active auxiliaries to the

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"Behold, I will send my messenger, and he will prepare the way before me; and the Lord whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple."—Mal. 3:1.

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BEAUTIFICATION PROGRAM

"A thing of beauty is a joy forever."

Oakland Stake, in keeping with the Church-wide movement, has selected a beautification committee to act as a planning board for an extensive and permanent beautification program. Members of the committee are Archer Willey, Sarah J. Carruth, H. B. Brummett, Sarah Banning and Claude M. Dewsnup.

This committee will cooperate with the various bishops through whom a committee will be set up in each ward. The purpose will be to bring more and lasting beauty into Latter-day Saint lives, first in the home and second in the Church.

"Latter-day Saints have always been home builders, home makers, church and temple builders," said Archer Willey, "and Oakland Stake is no exception. We have a huge investment in our churches and homes. The need for greater care and stewardship must be our first consideration. Careful planning, better landscaping, harmony of surroundings, and above all else cleanliness—for cleanliness is next to Godliness. Indeed, cleanliness *is* Godliness. Water and soap, varnish and paint—beauty consciousness—these are our first objectives. There is nothing so infectious, so stimulating, so conducive to reverence as a clean, quiet, inviting church in which to worship."

WENDEL JACKSON RETURNING FROM MISSION

Bishop Rufus O. Phelps of Dimond is in receipt of word from President John F. Bowman of the Central States Mission that Elder Wendell T. Jackson has received his honorable release and is returning home. Originally called to the German mission, Elder Jackson was evacuated from there along with other missionaries at the outbreak of the war, and was reassigned for the Central States. President Bowman writes that he has been a most forceful, active servant of the Lord, and expresses the hope that he will be put on other active duty upon his return.

MESSAGE OF THE STAKE PRESIDENCY

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

We desire with all the emphasis we can bring to bear, to stress the fact that the work of the Church is a year-round work. This fact becomes especially important at this time of year when the tendency is, with the adjournment of day-schools, to slacken for the summer months. Many workers, especially in the auxiliary associations, seem to think that with the completion of an outlined season's work, their duty is done and that they are released.

This is not so. Nothing is more demoralizing than to have a carefully built organization go all to pieces in such fashion. If the energy taken to gather up these pieces and regain lost momentum were free for use in furthering the work of a smoothly running machine, it takes no imagination to see that actual accomplishments would not only be greater but also far easier.

The house of the Lord is a house of order. One called to serve in any capacity therein is expected to serve until released by the same authority that called him. One is expected also, not to ask for a release until one has given freely and fully of one's talents in the particular position for a reasonable length of time. There are, of course, exceptions to this, brought about through emergency or inevitable change of circumstance. But by and large, we ask and expect Stake and ward workers, one and all, to stay on the job, to continue to give freely and intelligently of their time and energy until released by the same authority which called them. Only if this is done can the work function smoothly and progress be made. And if this is done you will be contributing greatly to the lightening of the burden borne by your bishopric and your Stake presidency.

Faithfully yours,

EUGENE HILTON,
W. GLENN HARMON,
CLYDE J. SUMMERHAYS.

ACHIEVEMENT

This month we salute Mrs. Orthella Hughes of Berkeley. Mrs. Hughes, whose lovely voice has been freely devoted to the service of her Church and the delight of her friends, was recently given an audition by the San Francisco Municipal Opera Association, and has been approved for both chorus work and bit parts. She is classed as a dramatic soprano and is now being prepared to appear during the 1941 opera season. She is now rehearsing Aida and Tosca. In a short time she will start on a concert tour under the direction of George Gibson Davis, prominent voice critic of San Francisco, and will be heard at Fresno, Lemoore, Bakersfield and Los Angeles. Our congratulations and good wishes go out to her.

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priesthood, according to Brigham Young, ". . . to aid the holy priesthood in instructing the youth of Israel . . ." The success of these auxiliaries has been so outstanding that both are recognized outside the Church, and quite generally the youth program of the Church is looked upon as the last word on the subject. But with this, there has been a tendency on the part of some to place the auxiliaries ahead of their fountain—the priesthood. The priesthood extension plan is designed in part to correct this, in part to improve the entire program. It is simply a correlation of the work of Sunday school, M. I. A. and priesthood leaders in trying to bring into activity the inactive. To that end committees are set up in each ward who keep a card record of every boy in the ward and his interests.

Elder Bowen was the concluding speaker Sunday morning, his theme being the voluntary nature of Church service. While it is a fundamental corner stone of Mormonism that each man has his free agency and his service to his Church is voluntary, it is no use, he said, to say we know God lives unless we busy ourselves doing what He wants us to do. The human spirit must be free; while it is possible for external forces to control the human body, no amount of force can control the thoughts and feelings of men or drive into another by force a knowledge that God lives, nor compel a spiritual service. But that fact is no excuse for neglect. After all, said Elder Bowen, for whose benefit are we acting in the Church? The answer is one's self. Service is and must remain voluntary, but that is no excuse for failure, for insofar as we fail, we cut ourselves off from the high standards we might attain. This is not a Church for idle declarations or professions. Its promised blessings are founded on the active doing of things we believe in. Referring to the troublesome times in which we live, he quoted Brigham Young: "The Lord has all things in his hands, therefore let it come, for it will give me experience." Faith, hope and trust are the only solid foundation, for all else is changing.

Luncheon was served between meetings by the Alameda ward Relief Society. Music in the afternoon session was furnished by the Vallejo ward M. I. A. mixed chorus, ably directed by Elder Clair Lewis. First speaker was President Clyde Summerhays, whose text was the parable of the sower. He emphasized the proper training of children in the home. Elder Hugh Anderson, Stake clerk, spoke briefly upon the changes and the growth of the Church in

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ASSIGNMENTS FOR JUNE

Alameda: Clyde J. Summerhays.
Berkeley: W. Glenn Harmon.
Claremont: Eugene Hilton.
Dimond: Claude M. Dewsnup, Nathan G. Tolman.
Elmhurst: Don J. Allphin, Peter Borup.
Hayward: R. Kendall Thomas, Ray Darton.
Maxwell Park: Grant Ellis, William T. Hicken.
Martinez: William J. Nielsen, Archer Willey.
Napa: Leo J. Crandall, Harvey J. Nielsen.
Oakland: Delbert M. Wright, Marcel Lauper.
Pittsburg: Oscar Fontana, George Southgate.
Richmond: Wayne E. Mayhew, I. B. Ball.
Vallejo: Don C. Wood, James E. Sabine.

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YOUNG WOMEN'S PRESIDENCY REORGANIZED

Principal change in personnel accomplished at the recent conference was the release of Mrs. Mary Dunham as president of the Young Women's Mutual Improvement Association, and selection of Mrs. Eloise Sims Orth as her successor. Mrs. Dunham, who has served as president since March, 1938, has been outstanding as an organizer, and has succeeded in getting and keeping active associations in every ward and branch in the Stake. Prior to her assuming the presidency she was first counselor to Mrs. Helen Ream, whom she later succeeded.

Mrs. Orth has had a wide experience in the work, having held virtually every position on the board. Born near Salt Lake City to Joseph Sim and Primrose Shields Sims, she is a cousin of Bishop John G. Shields. She came to Oakland on a vacation in 1923, but says she has never had a vacation since. She went to work almost immediately as auditor at the Hotel St. Mark, which position she has held ever since. In 1935 she was married to Bert Orth in the Salt Lake Temple. They have made their home in the Stake ever since, where both have been active in Church work.

Mrs. Orth's counselors have not yet been selected.

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this area. He first served as clerk of the Oakland branch in 1920, and since that time has seen this branch spread out into two Stakes.

Elder Spencer Taggart, director of Deseret Club activities, was the next speaker. He emphasized two factors of moral decadence; insufficiency of family life and failure of churches to attract the ablest leadership. On the first he pointed out that neither schools nor churches can take the place of family life; on the second, he stated that the gospel has a body and soul more than mere discussion, and that it grows as one's conception grows.

Elder Bowen's sermon in the afternoon had to do principally with the events of the day. He recalled the warning uttered in general conference some two years ago by President J. Reuben Clark, warning the wars and suffering to come. He was considered by many at that time an alarmist, but that day now appears at hand. There will, Elder Bowen said, be such a collapse of ordinary stabilities as to completely prostrate nations. We can be sure of tremendous dislocations, probably requiring a complete readjustment of our thinking, our habits. And in the face of the tremendous forces loosed in the world how futile we are! We can weather the storm only through a reliance upon Divine favor. Christ's whole ministry was spent in teaching men how to live. He had no other concern than the welfare of men, and he commissioned his disciples to do

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WARD TEACHER'S MESSAGE FOR JUNE, 1940

A Day of Warning

This is a day of warning and not a day of many words, for I, the Lord, am not to be mocked in the last days. Doctrine and Covenants 63:85.

Since the date upon which the foregoing statement was given in a revelation through Joseph Smith, the Prophet (August, 1831), many additional warnings have been given to the people through Church leaders.

In view of conditions in the world today, it is well for Latter-day Saints to consider seriously the advice and admonitions which have been given, and to prepare themselves against the time when the prophecies will be fulfilled. From an article by Elder Joseph Fielding Smith in the *Deseret News* Church Section, February 10, 1940, the following quotations have been taken:

President Joseph Smith said:

Look to the Presidency and receive instruction. Every man who is afraid, covetous, will be taken in a snare. The time is soon coming, when no man will have any peace but in Zion and her stakes . . .

These things are at our doors. They will follow the Saints of God from city to city. Satan will rage, and the spirit of the devil is now enraged. I know not how soon these things will take place, but with a view of them, shall I cry peace? No! I will lift up my voice and testify of them. How long you will have good crops, and the famine be kept off, I do not know; when the fig tree leaves, know then that summer is nigh at hand.

President Brigham Young gave this warning:

Do you think there is calamity abroad now among the people? . . . All we have yet heard and all we have experienced is scarcely a preface to the sermon that is going to be preached. When the testimony of the Elders ceases to be given, and the Lord says to them, "come home; I will now preach My own sermons to the nations of the earth," all you now know can scarcely be called a preface to the sermon that will be preached with fire and sword, tempests, earthquake, hail, rain, thunders and lightnings, and fearful destruction.

President Jedediah M. Grant added this comment:

Consequently, when we see nation stirred up against nation, and on the other hand see other nations exerting a powerful influence to bring about negotiations of peace, shall we say they can bring it about? Do we expect they can stay the outward course of war? The Prophet of God has spoken it all, and we expect to see the work go on—and see all things fulfilled as the prophets have declared by the spirit of prophecy in them.

President John Taylor's statement:

Were we surprised when the last terrible war took place here in the United States? No! Good Latter-day Saints were not, for they had been told about it. Joseph Smith had told them where it would start, that it should be a terrible time of bloodshed and that it should start in South Carolina. But I tell you today the end is not yet. You will see worse things than that, for God will lay His hand upon the nations, and they will feel it more terribly than ever they have done before; there will be more bloodshed, more ruin, more devastation than ever they have seen it before. Write it down! You will see it come to pass, it is only just starting in.

President Wilford Woodruff, more recently, said:

I heard the Prophet Joseph bear his testimony to these events that would transpire in the earth . . . We cannot draw a veil over the events that await this generation. No man that is inspired by the Spirit and power of God can close his ears, his eyes, or his lips to these things.

The warnings from the Lord, Himself, are clear. He says:

The Lord's scourge shall pass over by night and by day, and the report thereof shall vex all people; yea, it shall not be stayed until the Lord come; for the indignation of the Lord is kindled against their abominations and all their wicked works.

But the promise has been made to Zion and the pure in heart, that they shall escape if they "observe to do all things whatsoever I (the Lord) have commanded."

The Doctrine and Covenants (45:38-41) reads:

Even so it shall be in that day when they shall see all these things, then shall they know that the hour is nigh. And it shall come to pass that he that feareth Me shall be looking forth for the great day of the Lord to come, even for the signs of the coming of the Son of Man. And they shall see signs and wonders, for they shall be shown forth in the heavens above, and in the earth beneath. And they shall behold blood, and fire, and vapors of smoke.

The Bible (St. Luke 21:36) gives this admonition:

Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of Man.

All Latter-day Saints should give heed to the counsel of the servants of the Lord. We should prepare ourselves by observing the teachings of the Gospel and the commandments of the Lord, by refraining from evil practices, by observing our prayers, and by showing brotherly love in our dealings with each other.

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likewise. "He that believeth shall be saved." And, said Elder Bowen, so surely as we observe the commandments shall we inherit the blessing of the promise. We are not regulating the world; that is not our business. That is in the hands of Diety and will come out ultimately for the benefit of man. The difference between the lust and ambition of heathen nations and the teachings of the Master, arises from the fact that they do not have a belief in the dignity and worth of the human soul which is the very essence of Christ's teaching. To them man is but a unit in the mechanism of state, and therefore is human life treated as cheap and worthless.

But under the teachings of Jesus, which lie at the very heart of all democratic theories, the individual comes ahead of the state. The heart of our religion to which we must cling and which will give us firmness and stability is that man is the child of God who created heaven and earth and has given us laws by which men may achieve destiny. *Above all people we should be planted firm in this faith. We begin with the eternity of man and we end with his coming into eternal life. Whatever else comes we may know that what God has promised He will fulfill.*

MARTINEZ WARD

Services Held at 1022 Thompson Street, Martinez

We had four members of the Primary Stake Board as visitors at our Primary meeting recently.

The Kest family of Dimond ward, former members of our ward, presented the program at our sacrament meeting, April 28.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Anderson recently had a vacation trip to Gridley.

Mrs. Marie Graves is enjoying a visit from her mother, Mrs. Bott, of Brigham City, Utah.

Mrs. Hattie Vom Dorp and daughter, Eleanor, are in Salt Lake City on a vacation.

A very fine program was presented on Mother's Day.

The annual May Festival was presented May 15, by the Primary Association, in the Junior High School Auditorium. Several members of the Stake board were in attendance.

The closing meeting of the Relief Society for this year, will be held Friday, May 24.

Mrs. Maria Easton and son, John, and Mrs. Audrey Easton and children, Patsy and Andrew, are visiting in Salt Lake and Kemmerer, Wyoming.

MAXWELL PARK WARD

Services Held in Masonic Hall, Corner Foothill Boulevard and Mason Street

On May 5, 1940, Cathryn Linda Lyon, daughter of Joseph Leonard and Elsie Josephine Lyon, was the first baby to be named and blessed in the Maxwell Park ward.

Mrs. Robert Paine has returned from Ogden, Utah, where she attended the wedding of her niece.

Mrs. Hannah Smith and son, from Ogden, Utah, have been visiting at the home of her sister, Mrs. Robert Paine.

Tuesday, May 14, our ward Relief Society prepared a lovely lunch in honor of two of their members' wedding anniversaries, being Mrs. Emely Twiliger's fiftieth and Mrs. Bechly Water's twenty-fifth, they were presented with a beautiful corsage. There were 26 members present.

Diantha Newton has returned to her home in Ogden, Utah, where she has completely recovered from her recent illness.

May 3, Raymond Booth, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Booth, left for an extended trip east. He will visit Jean Hilton in Salt Lake and from there will go to Chicago and New York, and visit the World's Fair and attend school several weeks to study radio and television. Later he will go to New Mexico, where he will visit Joe Hilton, who is filling a mission there.

May 14, the Gleaner girls of Maxwell Park ward took a boat trip to Fisherman's Wharf, and had as their honored guest State President of Gleaner Girls Naomi Booth.

May 21, Maxwell Park ward M.I.A. gave a weinie roast at Sequoia Park. There were 50 present to enjoy the games and singing.

Mrs. Alvina Earl and Mrs. Jessie Booth have been ill for the past week.

June 4, a dinner and dance will be given by Relief Society and M. I. A. of Maxwell Park ward at Foothill and Mason hall. There will be refreshments and music for dancing.

VALLEJO WARD

Meet at 2010 Marin Street, Vallejo

Saturday evening, April 30, the Sunday school officers and teachers gave a delightful carnival dance in the ward hall, which was well attended and enjoyed by all.

The Mutual "Theme Night," Tuesday, May 7, was the climax of the season's work. Two skits were presented. One entitled, "The Right Way," was written by one of our ward members, Selma Kimpton, and was acted out by members of the Mutual.

The M Men, Gleaners and Juniors swimming party and weiner roast Friday, May 16, was an enjoyable affair.

Mrs. Almeda Nielsen, accompanied by Mr. Nielsen's father, who has been spending the winter at the Nielsen home, left Saturday, May 18, for Utah and Idaho. Mr. Nielsen, Sr., is returning to his home and Mrs. Nielsen will spend two weeks visiting and also doing Temple work.

A. Dairl Hill is in Ogden, Utah, on a short business trip.

The "Primary Music Festival" was held Friday, May 17, 1940. Those who attended were given a treat by the little folks.

Four girls and one boy were presented with promotion certificates. Mrs. Georgia Coleman and her efficient officers and teachers, are to be commended on the success of the past year.

The Relief Society held open house Wednesday, May 22, it being the last meeting day before the summer vacation. Under the direction of President Ruby Larson, the society closed after a very busy and happy year.

Aaronic priesthood night was observed in our ward Sunday evening, May 19, 1940, with a very appropriate program.

The theme for the program was "Honoring the Priesthood." Clyde Summerhays was the visiting member from the Stake.

Under the direction of Clair Lewis the Mutual chorus of Vallejo ward furnished the music at the afternoon session of conference, the soloists being Sarah Nurings, Miles Johnson and Clair Lewis.

RICHMOND WARD

Services Held in Chapel, Corner 28th Street and Nevin Avenue, Richmond

On Sunday evening, May 5, at the Mutual conjoint session, the Theta Chi Gamma Chi (Sunday school girls group), presented a program under the direction of Miss Lillian Morley. A series of tableaux entitled, "The Daughters of Eve," were staged, with the following girls taking part: Marjorie Johst, Mildred Morris, Ruth Hopkins, Phyllis Busby, Catherine Hopkins, Marjean Haddock, Orvilla Stanger, Donna Haddock, Joyce Hopkins, Chloe Hopkins and Nadine Hopkins. Mrs. Emma Nelson was the commentator and Peter Gengler acted as stage manager.

Miss La Roma Zundel, daughter of Mrs. Caroline Zundel and the late Mr. M. A. Zundel, received her A.B. degree from San Francisco State College, Friday night, May 24.

A Mother's Day program was given in our ward. Poems, musical numbers, scriptural readings, quotations, and Mother's Day remarks were given by members of the Sunday school. Rose corsages were presented to all of the mothers.

The M Men and Gleaners held a combined meeting and party on May 7, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. David Love. The purpose of the meeting was to elect new officers and to plan summer activities. Catherine Hopkins was elected as Gleaner girl president and Fred Beesley as M Men president.

The first summer activity was held on May 14, in the form of a roller skating party at Rollerland Rink in Oakland. Twenty were present.

The same group left early on the morning of Memorial Day for a day of hiking and picnicking at Muir Woods.

These activities are being held under the supervision of Ruth Parker and Dave Love, M.I.A. counselors, and Ada Love and Orland Olsen, teachers.

Mr. and Mrs. Orland Olsen are proud parents of a new baby girl, born April 24.

Mr. and Mrs. Irving Hutching, son and daughter, of Salt Lake City, are visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Edmond Phelps and family,

An Aaronic Priesthood program was given Sunday evening, May 19. Dale Jost took charge. Otto Roark, Wallace Hopkins, Harold Wright, and Duane Foster represented the Priesthood with talks. President Eugene Hilton was the guest speaker.

A closing Geneaology meeting was held on May 20. A special talk was given on "Temple Marriage" by Mrs. Foster Nelson after which refreshments were served.

A ward choir has been organized recently under the direction of Mr. Alma Mortensen. Miss La Von Aikens is organist. Emma Nelson has been chosen as secretary and treasurer, and Marvin Parker as librarian.

The Relief Society closed their winter season May 28. The members spent the forenoon at Alvarado Park playing games and visiting. At noon a picnic lunch was served.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Edlefsen are proud parents of a baby girl born May 24.

ALAMEDA WARD

Services Held at Odd Fellows Hall, Corner Park St. and Santa Clara Ave., Alameda

Elder Lee, second counselor of the Fifth Quorum of Elders, took charge of our sacrament meeting on April 28.

The Alameda ward served dinner at conference in the Oakland ward. Having some food left over, the members had dinner together on Monday, adding to the building fund.

The Primary organization had their spring festival on May 20. Six state board members were present to enjoy the wonderful exhibition of talent and beauty.

A lovely Mother's Day program was held Sunday, May 19. Four generations of the Tuttle family represented there. Grandma Tuttle still looks like she could out-do some of us younger members in all-around pep.

On Saturday night, May 18, the Alameda Junior Girls, along with some of the Juniors of other wards, had dinner in Dimond Park, followed by an evening of skating at the Dimond skating rink.

On May 18, the Aaronic Priesthood took charge of the sacrament meeting in honor of their one hundred and eleventh anniversary of the restoration of the priesthood.

OAKLAND WARD

Services Held at Chapel, Corner Moss Avenue and Webster Street, Oakland

Oakland ward Primary held their festival April 27. Songs, dances and themes of the year were presented. Their season of work closed the end of May and activities will resume again in August. Individual groups will carry on special programs during the summer.

The Family Relations class of the Relief Society suspended their program until fall with a joint class at Berkeley, May 1. Intervening activities are scheduled for the summer.

The Senior class of the M. I. A. met at Glen Gee's, Sunday evening, April 2. Dr. Hart was in charge of the entertainment for the evening.

The mothers and daughters of the ward celebrated May 25 in Mosswood Park.

Mr. and Mrs. Fortune have just visited Oakland again.

Joe Thorsen has recovered from his recent illness.

Bishop Shields is recovering favorably from a recent illness. Donald Shields broke his arm May 12, and was later removed to the hospital with pneumonia. We wish the Shields a speedy recovery.

The Scouts are planning big activities for the summer—camping activities playing an imporant part of the program.

The Aaronic Priesthood Quorum, under the direction of Mr. Edward Ogden, prepared and delivered the Sunday evening program, May 19.

BERKELEY WARD

All Services Held at Chapel, Corner Vine and Walnut Streets, Berkeley

The Sunday night service of April 28 was given by Lambda Delta Sigma under the direction of Mary Eggen. The following took part: Bob Stevens, Reed Stone, Phil Bean, Leighton Lloyd, Emmy Lou Cummings, Clark Hughes and Bob Stevens. Bishop Farr spoke regarding the activities of the club, commending the members upon their actions and giving advice for future projects.

Kathryn Mabey with her counselors, Hazel Driggs and La Vern Rock, has been released from the office of Young Women's presidency.

Mrs. La Vern Rock has been chosen president of the Y. L. M. I. A. for the coming season.

Summer activities of the M. I. A. began last Tuesday night. Huberta Berg Compton has charge of recreation and David Cummings of lesson work.

The two patrols of Troop 8 which participated in the camporee received A ratings, which makes them eligible for participation in the camporall to be held at Santa Rosa in October.

The May Sunday evening service was given under the direction of the Y. L. M. I. A. with the new president, La Vern Rock, presiding.

On Sunday, May 12, a splendid Mother's Day program was given. Orthella Hughes had charge of the program. Each Boy Scout presented his mother with a mother's pin representing the scouting rank of her son. Mary Russell, Charlotte Cummings, F. E. Huish, Richard Huish, James and John Huish, Newell Call, Emmy Lou Cummings, Clark Hughes and Bob Stevens took part. Each mother was presented with a booklet of sentiments for mother. The program was concluded by community singing of mother songs, directed by Orthella Hughes.

On May 11 when the annual spring festival of the Primary was held, the theme, "Music in the Life of the Primary Child," was presented in pantomime, tableaux and drills. The teachers had charge of their special group with Huberta Berg Compton as director. Refreshments were served to the visiting mothers and other guests.

Under the direction of Margaret Ashton the M. I. A. presented a three-act play, "The Meanest Man in the World," May 10.

May 19 was Aaronic Priesthood night. The program depicted the restoration of the Aaronic Priesthood. Carver Mooseman, Jack Smith, Paul Bastow, Forest Ream, Delbert Rock Jr., Bob Pinney, David Cumming were on the program. Nels Larson, Aaronic Priesthood supervisor, spoke on the activities of the boys; John G. Shields and Claude Dewsnup of the High Council also spoke.

Sunday evening, May 19, the Deseret Club entertained at a musical.

On Friday night, May 17, the second of a series of "Married Couples Parties" was held. Music, dancing, community singing and refreshments completed the evening. In charge were Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Richards and Mr. and Mrs. Nate Tolman. Dr. Raymond L. Knight has been appointed as chairman for the next party to be held June 14.

The speaker at the Sunday evening service on May 26 was Patriarch I. B. Ball. Musical numbers were given by Karlton Driggs, organist.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Riggs are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Jess Farr.

ELMHURST WARD

Services Held at Chapel, 96th Avenue and Derby Street, Oakland

The infant son of Bishop and Mrs. Milton P. Ream was blessed at the regular May Fast meeting, and given the name of Russel David.

The Boy Scouts of Troop 44 recently held a theatre party at the Granada Theatre to raise funds with which to purchase camp equipment. The boys were active in selling tickets and the party was successful from a financial standpoint.

Mrs. La Rilda Holder was honored on the 25th anniversary of her wedding, May 14, with a surprise party which was given her by the officers of the Relief Society. As a token of affection Mrs. Holder was presented with a lovely silver bowl and candlesticks to match.

Eugene Muir, the eleven-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. James J. Muir, suffered a fractured skull when a limb of the tree which he was climbing broke and caused him to fall upon his head. His condition is reported as improving.

The mothers of the ward were honored by the Sunday School with a regular Mother's Day program, which was held, on account of con-

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ference, on May 5. Each mother was presented with a carnation, and Mrs. Brown and Mrs. Hatfield, our two great-grandmothers, were especially honored with lovely corsages of sweet peas.

The annual Primary May festival was held in the recreation hall Wednesday, May 22. The daily activities of a Primary child, and around the calender with the Primary child were depicted in song and appropriate scenes and dances. The children were costumed. Following the program cookies and punch were served to the large crowd in attendance. Mrs. Hunter and her group of officers were in charge.

A dance revue was given in Elmhurst Junior High School Friday evening, May 24, the proceeds of which went to Boy Scout Troop 44. The program was in charge of Mrs. Helen Noble who was assisted by members of the M. I. A. and her private pupils.

Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Cheney are vacationing in Idaho. They expect to be gone for several weeks.

Mrs. Nellie Moody has returned to her home in Hinckley, Utah, after spending the winter in Elmhurst. Her son, Emerald Moody, and his wife are now visiting in Oakland and vicinity.

Now that the new addition to the chapel is complete, the chapel itself is being renovated. It has been redecorated. New drapes and rugs will be added soon.

Joseph Henry Behunin of Cœur d'Alene, Idaho, passed away at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Glenn E. Smith, on Saturday, May 18. Mr. Behunin was 68 years of age and has been extremely ill for some time. The body was shipped to the old home of the family at Ferron, Utah, for burial. His wife and daughter, Dorothy, who were also here at the time of his death, together with Mr. and Mrs. Smith and their family, have gone to Utah for the funeral. Mrs. Elma Moody of Elmhurst is likewise a daughter of the deceased, but was unable to leave at the present time.

The Sunday evening program for May 19 was furnished by the Aaronic Priesthood under the direction of Bro. Albert H. Elmer. The deacons, teachers and priests, as well as members of the adult Aaronic class, all took part on the program.

DIMOND WARD

Services Held in Chapel at 3618 Dimond Avenue, Oakland

Noreen Morgan will be one of the organists at the Church exhibit on Treasure Island; W. Aird MacDonald is also having three of Dimond's returned missionaries assist him; they are Roy Weindorf, Robert Kest and Dennis Lauper.

About 16 boys participated in the camporee on Lake Merritt May 18 and 19; Scoutmaster Jacobs reported the affair very successful. A Court of Honor was held Wednesday evening in Dimond recreational hall. Many interested friends and parents of the boys attended. Francis Gealta is the assisting scoutmaster.

Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Wright recently returned from the Hawaiian Islands, where they combined a business and pleasure trip of six weeks.

The extra Tuesday in April was used by the Relief Society to honor the officers who were released in the division of the ward; those specially honored were Melvina Earl, Cleo Ricks, Jessie Booth and Ina Mathewson. After a special program and refreshments served, half the Dimond Relief Society funds were presented to Maxwell Park ward as a gift. Katherine Kest is the new second counselor to President Shurtliff.

Helen Payne and daughters have returned from a six weeks' visit with her mother, Mrs. Dixson, in Provo.

On May 18, in Dimond Chapel, the funeral for little Gerry Johnson was held; the entire ward wishes to express their heartfelt sympathy to his bereaved parents, Lucille and Reed Schow. Although Gerry had been ill so much of his short life, his happy disposition had won him scores of friends; he seemed to have lived just long enough for his parents to have him sealed to them, which they had done only a few weeks previous in the Salt Lake Temple.

Ruth Shurtliff accompanied her son, Sherrill, and family to Salt Lake City for a short visit. Alice Everett and children are also in Salt Lake City.

Dimond chapel has just been repainted inside and out. A beautification committee, recently organized, consists of Mary Cherrington, chairman, and a representative from each auxiliary organization.

The closing Mutual party, given May 11, was in the form of a ward reunion celebrating its eleventh year. The early evening was spent in Dimond Park, where members gathered to have their dinners; later in the evening, following an appropriate program in the chapel, an orchestra furnished music for dancing in the recreation hall.

Dimond and Maxwell wards combined to give the annual Primary spring festival of music Saturday evening, May 25. The Dimond hall was decorated with spring flowers and shrubs. About 85 children took part in the dancing, singing and pantomime as they presented "Around the Year" in colorful costumes. The festival was repeated Tuesday evening, May 27, in the Maxwell Park ward.

Three new arrivals causing much joy and happiness to their parents were the daughter of Kenneth and Alice Everett, the daughter of Greg and Hazel Segerstedt and the son of the Melvin Dalby's.

The Abigail Dailey Camp of the Daughters of the Utah Pioneers enjoyed a picnic May 22 at Lakeside Park, and a visit to the museum.

VITAL STATISTICS

BIRTHS:
- To Mr. and Mrs. Orland Olson, Richmond, a daughter, April 24.
- To Mr. and Mrs. Leon Edlefsen, Richmond, a daughter, May 24.
- To Mr. and Mrs. Almer Gardner, Oakland, a son, February 19.
- To Mr. and Mrs. Harold K. Tanner, Oakland, a daughter, January 24.
- To Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Swanberg, Oakland, a daughter, March 14.
- To Mr. and Mrs. Henry Whiffen, Oakland, a daughter, March 18.
- To Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Everett, Elmhurst, a daughter, April 2.
- To Mr. and Mrs. Mark Ricks, Berkeley, a daughter.
- To Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Smith, Berkeley, a daughter.

BLESSINGS:
- David Henry Barber, son of Mr. and Mrs. George P. Barber, Martinez.
- Joan Chester, Richmond.
- Russel David Ream, Elmhurst.
- Helen Lynette Eyring, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph C. Eyring, Berkeley.
- Leonard Allen Stone, Berkeley.
- Roseann Bringhoist, Berkeley.
- Donald Bruce Roberts, Berkeley.

BAPTISMS AND CONFIRMATIONS:
- Barbara M. Stanger, Richmond.
- Idabelle M. Bradeson, Richmond.
- Walter V. Ney, Jr., Richmond.
- Malcolm W. Davis, Richmond.
- Wendell K. Walton, Berkeley.

ORDINATIONS:
- Duane E. Foster, Richmond, Deacon.
- Kay Willard Knowles, Martinez, Teacher.
- Paul Bastow, Berkeley, Priest.
- Wilford W. Nelson, Elmhurst, Elder.
- Earl Wells, Elmhurst, Priest.
- John Drushal, Halmar Rose, Liggett Hopkins, Thomas Noble, Adult Aaronic Priesthood Deacons, Elmhurst.

DEATHS:
- Joseph Henry Behunin, Elmhurst, May 18.

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